

Week #7 of The Gospel of Mark

October 8, 2023

## ming Together

- What is going on right now that you are excited about? Where is life a bit more challenging?
- As you look into the future, what is scary, and what are you hopeful about?

## owing in Our Understanding

- In his sermon, Pastor Chico said, "The Kingdom of God is for anyone, but everyone has to wait for it." What truths about the Kingdom of God was he was alluding to? Here are some verses to help you uncover the answer: Matthew 7:21-23; 18:3-5; 19:14; 25:31-16; John 3:3
- 2. Jesus first coming is recorded for us in the Gospels. It is marked by the Christmas season and culminates with Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection from the dead. The Bible promises that Jesus will eventually come back a second time. Why, according to 2 Peter 3:3-9 is there such a delay between the first and the second advents or comings of Jesus?

- 3. The Resurrection of Jesus is a key motivator and definer of how we ought to live our lives today. What is the truth about the resurrection proclaimed in each verse?
  - 1 Peter 3:3-5
  - Romans 4:25
  - 1 Corinthians 6:14-15
  - 1 Corinthians 15:20-24

# **Unwrapping and Applying God's Principles**

- 1. Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-6. What can we learn from Paul's example of evangelism? What makes the ministry of evangelism difficult?
- 2. Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-12. What is "the treasure" Paul refers to in these verses? Why has God allowed us to be weak? What encouragement are we given in our weakness?
- 3. Read 2 Corinthians 4:13-18. What is supposed to be our hope? What difference should this hope make to how we live today?

# **Deepening Our Hearts for God**

Read Revelation 21:4-5. What does this verse say about heaven? How does it provide hope for today? What does it teach us about God?

# Looking Ahead

Read Mark 1 again. Circle, underline, or highlight anything that stands out to you. In what ways do you see the power of the Kingdom of God in these verses?

